Laundering Act, 2002, will follow. The reason for the non-availability of its Hindi translation are given in the statement (*See* below)

(d) In order to prepare its report to the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the Ministry of External Affairs had requested inputs from various Ministries including the Ministry of Home Affairs. Necessary inputs were received from the Ministry of Home Affairs and a suitable reply was framed based on these inputs.

Statement

THE REASON FOR NON-AVAILABILITY OF HINDI TRANSLATION OF ANNEXURE-CONTAINING THE PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING ACT, 2002

The Hindi version of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, as informed by the Ministry of law and Justice, is under process of authentication by the Hon'ble President of India. The copy the Hindi version of the said Act, will be made available as soon as it is authenticated by the Hon'ble President of India

Indo-Russian Cooperation Against Terrorism

1502. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have agreed to join hands against terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any broad framework has been built to counter terrorism;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether both Government have agreed to share intelligence reports in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. India and Russia have established a Joint Working Group (JWG) on combating terrorism. Two meetings of the JWG have taken place in September 2003 and April 2004.

The JWG provides a framework for strengthening cooperation to combat terrorism including, *inter-alia,* by way of exchange of information and assessments on terrorism, cooperation in preventing terrorist financing, drug trafficking and organised crime as also through capacity building.

Discussion with Pak Prime Minister Regarding Indian PoWs

1503. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government discussed with Pak Prime Minister on his recent visit to India on Indian Prisoners of War captured by Pakistan in 1971-72 Indo-Pak war, for their release; and

(b) if so, the response of the Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Government have been consistently taking up with Pakistan the issue of early release and repatriation of the 54 Indian Prisoners of War (PoWs) that are believed to be in Pakistan's custody since 1971-72. The matter was also taken up during the meeting between Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and the Prime Minister of Pakistan on November 24, 2004 in New Delhi.

(b) Pakistan has not acknowledged the presence of these Indian PoWs in its custody.

Indian Criminals Hiding in Pakistan

1504. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many persons wanted for trial in India for various crimes committed in this country are hiding in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether a list of such persons was handed over to Foreign Minister of Pakistan during his visit to India in September, 2004;

(c) if so, the response of Foreign Minister of the Pakistan; and

(d) whether these persons likely to be extradited to India in near future?